



August 20, 2009

Mr. Kevin Keith, P.E.  
Chief Engineer  
Missouri Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 270  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

The Honorable Steve Ehlmann  
St. Charles County Executive  
Executive Office Building  
100 North Third Street, Suite 318  
St. Charles, MO 63301

Dear Mr. Keith and County Executive Ehlmann:

I would like to offer my support on behalf of completing Missouri Route 364 (Page Avenue) for which MoDOT and St. Charles County are seeking to secure a TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grant.

Missouri Route 364 will complete a missing link in the region's transportation network, which has been planned and supported by local, regional, and state transportation authorities for forty years. The completion of this project will:


- Reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions on Interstate 70, a transcontinental highway, and Interstate 64;
- Enhance mobility to and from economically distressed areas by improving transportation choices;
- Provide motorists with an alternative route during inspection and maintenance of the other Missouri River bridges;
- Enhance system operations when the deck on the Missouri River bridge on Interstate 70 is replaced (\$70 million, scheduled in 2012) and during the bridge replacement on Interstate 64 (planned);
- Provide a freeway connector from Interstate 270 to Interstate 64;
- Facilitate more efficient freight movement on Interstate 70;
- Provide better access for the region's employment pool to employment opportunities and retraining facilities; and
- Foster long term economic growth in underutilized properties.

St. Charles Community College is actively engaged in training a skilled workforce for the region, including programs in customized training for area businesses and industries, and participation in the Missouri New Jobs and Quality Jobs training programs. For 2007, the most recent year for which data is available, 85% of our occupational/technical graduates were employed in a related field. This places the College in the top quartile nationally for the employment of its technical graduates.

The Missouri Route 364 project will provide greater transportation access to the College for the citizens of our region.

Thank you for your continued ongoing initiatives to provide responsive, innovative and cost effective services to the citizens of St. Charles County, the greater St. Louis region, the State of Missouri, and the nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. McGuire". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John M. McGuire, Ph.D.

President

St. Charles Community College